

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE LAW REVIEW

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

Thank you for your interest in the *University of Louisville Law Review*. Please adhere to the instructions below when submitting your application.

Application:

The application consists of three parts:

1. Writing Sample
2. Editing Assignment
3. Grade Release Form

For your writing sample, we ask that you send the Argument section of your Lawyering Skills appellate brief. You need not send the entire brief itself. Please indicate which party you represent at the top of your writing sample.

The grade release form must be physically signed. Please print the release and sign your name. You may turn in the physically signed form to the law review office or you may choose to scan the release back into an electronic form. If you do not have access to a scanner, there are some available in the library or apps like GeniusScan and Scannable are convenient ways to scan documents.

Submission:

Please submit your application as an attachment via email to taylor.ichinose@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours informing you of its receipt. All application materials **must** be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2018**. Incomplete applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Membership Offers:

Membership offers will be extended by Elizabeth Penn, Editor in Chief, by **Friday, May 25th**. Mandatory orientation for first-year members is schedule for **Saturday, June 9, 2018**.

Honor Code:

The completed editing assignment should be solely your work product. You should edit the entire assignment yourself. By submitting an application for membership on law review, you are agreeing to comply with the law school's honor code with respect to all application materials.

Good luck and thank you for applying for membership with the *University of Louisville Law Review*. If you have any questions with the application process, or if you have problems with the submission itself, please contact

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GRADE RELEASE FORM:

I consent to the release of my cumulative grade point average for all courses I have taken in law school (either while at the University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law or any other law school) for the purpose of evaluating my application to the *University of Louisville Law Review*. I realize that this consent is prospective and may be revoke by me at any time.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Personal Information:

Student number (7 digit number on your student ID card): _____

Current year in school as of Spring 2018 (1L, 2L, 3L, or 4L): _____

Division (full or part time): _____

Anticipated year and division for Fall 2018 (e.g. 2L full time): _____

Anticipated graduation date (month, year): _____

Have you completed your writing requirement? _____

Have you applied for membership with *Law Review* previously? _____

Email where you can be contacted this summer: _____

Address and phone number where you can be contacted this summer:

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VOLUME 57 EDITING ASSIGNMENT:

Assignment Instructions:

Attached is an example of part of an introduction to a (purposefully poorly written) Law Review Note. Correct as many problems with the writing as you can find. There is no punishment for correcting something that we do not consider to be a problem. The problems relate to inappropriate abbreviations/shorthand; capitalization; misspelled words; needless words; noun-pronoun agreement; missing paragraph breaks; punctuation; run-on sentences; subject-verb agreement; unclear placement of phrases; and verb tense. Do not worry about citations: assume that footnotes with citations will be added later.

Any edits that you feel are necessary may be done in one of two ways:

1. **Electronic:** you may use Track Changes, add comments, or change the font color with any changes that you choose to make; or
2. **Written:** you may choose to print the editing assignment and hand write your suggested changes in pen that is a different color. If you choose this method, you must still scan the completed assignment and email an electronic copy with the rest of your application materials. If you do not have access to a scanner, there are some available in the library or apps like GeniusScan and Scannable are convenient ways to scan documents.

If you have any questions or concerns about the editing assignment, please email our Senior Notes Editor Taylor Ichinose at taylor.ichinose@gmail.com.

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Medical review panels is a product of tort reform. In effect, their pre-trial screening panels designed to filter through med mal claims before those med mal claims are filed in court.

Kentucky conforms with thirty-three states at this very moment in a national trend of enacting these panels, other states have tried and failed to follow the same, with there respective state Courts, on grounds of equal protection, due process, separation of powers, and obstructing the right to jury trial with onerous procedural conditions, ruling the panels unconstitutional. Further, some states have even terminated their panels in consideration of ineffectiveness. The effort to implement a medical review panel through Kentuckys' General Assembly has failed multiple times in all the years past. But this was not the case in 2017. In 2017 Republicans took control of the house of reps for the first time in approximately one hundred years. Gaining of control of the house of reps for the first time in approximately one hundred years, coupled with Governor Matt Bevans victory in the Governors' race one year prior, made tort reform imminent. Bevin quickly said "We're going to bring tort reform. We're going to stop letting trial lawyers ride heard in this state". On June 27, 2017, the KY Legislative and Executive Branches wasted little time passing and signing into law the Medical Review Panel Statute. The National Coalition to Protect Physicians attribute their necessity to rising malpractice insurance premiums frivolous lawsuits and the need to make Kentucky a more attractive environment for physicians. They call this aggregation of factors, "a medical malpractice crisis". It is true there remains serious debate as to whether this crisis actually exists, but its not purpose of this Note to debate the merits of whether or not there is or is not a crisis.